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Senate Resolution No. 40—Relative to immigration.

1 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2011,
2 there were 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Deportations have reached record levels under
5 President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000
6 since 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, According to Congress members Raul M. Grijalva
8 and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama Administration reportedly
9 prioritized deporting only criminals, many individuals with no
10 serious criminal history consistently have been deported; and

11 WHEREAS, Increased deportations and a continuously broken
12 immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of United
13 States citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

14 WHEREAS, Separation of children from their parents,
15 irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe
16 consequences for young children who are left with no parental
17 guidance or care and a highly unstable financial situation; and

18 WHEREAS, As immigration continues to be at the center of a
19 national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement
20 a more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families
21 together; and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to approximately 10.3 million
2 immigrants of which approximately 2.6 million are unauthorized
3 to live in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Many members of Congress recently signed a letter
5 requesting President Obama to suspend any further deportations;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Since California is home to a large number of
8 unauthorized immigrants from all parts of the world, this state
9 should make it a priority to keep families together and continue
10 to press President Obama and Congress for a solution to our broken
11 federal immigration system; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
13 urges President Obama to take executive action to suspend any
14 further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious
15 criminal history; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
17 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
18 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
19 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
20 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
21 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.